

(c) the action taken against such illegal activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Encroachment and unauthorised construction is a continuing problem.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected from the concerned Departments and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Trend of Government Savings

2212. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has expressed serious concern over the extremely disquietening and negative trends in Government savings in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government have taken to augment Government savings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). As reported in the National Accounts Statistics, savings of the Government deteriorated from 0.04% of GDP in 1985-86 to -2.74% of GDP in the year 1989-90. This is a cause for concern.

(c) To reduce the dis-savings of the government the Central Budget for the year 1991-92 introduced a number of correctives to improve the receipts and to reduce the expenditures. These include:

i) greater economy in government expenditure with specific cut in non-plan expenditure;

ii) abolition of cash compensatory support for exports;

iii) reduction in subsidies;

iv) stringency in defence expenditure;

v) increase in the prices of motor spirit, domestic LPG and aviation turbine fuel; and

vi) mobilisation of additional resources by changing the tax rates.

National Urban Transport Policy

2213. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is urgent need to formulate and adopt a national urban transport policy;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to make elaborate changes in the Urban transport systems and planning to achieve the target; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d). The direct responsibility of the Government of India in the area of urban transportation is limited to Union Territories without a Legislature. While proposals are under consideration for improving the urban transportation system in Delhi, there are no proposals, at present, for formulating a National Urban